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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on May 14, 2003.  
Please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and the included remarks.  
The Applicant thanks the Examiner for careful review of the specification and claims.

AMENDMENTS

The following amendments are made using the amended claim format. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 are waived in favor of the new format.

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